



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Group Art Unit: 2435
Examiner: Mr. John B. King

In re PATENT APPLICATION of:

Applicant(s)	:	Kurato MAENO)	
Serial No.	:	10/553,737)	
Filed	:	October 20, 2005)	
For	:	APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR EMBEDDING WATERMARK INFORMATION, APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR DETECTING WATERMARK INFORMATION, AND DOCUMENT CONTAINING WATERMARK)	AMENDMENT AFTER <u>FINAL REJECTION</u>
Attorney Ref.	:	SAT 223NP)	

May 18, 2011

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Sir:

This is responsive to the Office Action of December 22, 2011, the period for reply to which is being extended to expire on May 22, 2011, by a Petition that is being filed concurrently. A Request for Continued Examination (RCE) is also being filed concurrently to relieve the above-identified application of its finally-rejected status.

A fee of \$ 1300 is being submitted concurrently. Should this remittance be accidentally missing, however, or should any additional fees be needed (including extension of time fees, since Applicant hereby provisionally petitions for any extensions that may be deemed necessary to avoid abandonment), the Director may charge such fees to our Deposit Account number 18-0002.

Please amend the above-identified application as specified on the following pages, and then reconsider the application in view of the Remarks that are presented thereafter.